

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for substantially reducing the range in daily dosages required to control pain in human patients, comprising administering an oral controlled release dosage formulation comprising from about 10 to about 40 mg oxycodone or a salt thereof which provides a mean maximum plasma concentration of oxycodone from about 6 to about 60 ng/ml from a mean of about 2 to about 4.5 hours after administration, and a mean minimum plasma concentration from about 3 to about 30 ng/ml from a mean of about 10 to about 14 hours after repeated administration every 12 hours through steady-state conditions.

2. A method for substantially reducing the range in daily dosages required to control pain in substantially all human patients, comprising administering an oral solid controlled release dosage formulation comprising from about 10 mg to about 160 mg oxycodone or a salt thereof which provides a mean maximum plasma concentration of oxycodone up to about 240 ng/ml from a mean of up to about 2 to about 4.5 hours after administration, and a mean minimum plasma concentration up to about 120 ng/ml from a mean of about 10 to about 14 hours after repeated administration every 12 hours through steady-state conditions.

3. A controlled release oxycodone formulation for oral administration to human patients, comprising from about 10 to about 40 mg oxycodone or a salt thereof, said formulation providing a mean maximum plasma concentration of oxycodone from about 6 to about 60 ng/ml from a mean of about 2 to about 4.5 hours after administration, and a mean minimum plasma concentration from about 3 to about 30 ng/ml from a mean of about 10 to about 14 hours after

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repeated administration every 12 hours through steady-state conditions.

4. A controlled release oxycodone formulation for
5 oral administration to human patients, comprising from
about 10 mg to about 160 mg oxycodone or a salt thereof,
said formulation providing a mean maximum plasma concen-
tration of oxycodone from about 6 to about 240 ng/ml from
a mean of about 2 to about 4.5 hours after administra-
10 tion, and a mean minimum plasma concentration from about
3 to about 120 ng/ml from a mean of about 10 to about 14
hours after repeated administration every 12 hours
through steady-state conditions.

15 5. A solid controlled release oral dosage form,
comprising
(a) oxycodone or a salt thereof in an amount
from about 10 to about 160 mg;
(b) an effective amount of a controlled
20 release matrix selected from the group consisting of
hydrophilic polymers, hydrophobic polymers, digestible
substituted or unsubstituted hydrocarbons having from
about 8 to about 50 carbon atoms, polyalkylene glycols,
and mixtures of any of the foregoing; and
(c) a suitable amount of a suitable
25 pharmaceutical diluent, wherein said composition provides
a mean maximum plasma concentration of oxycodone from
about 6 to about 240 ng/ml from a mean of about 2 to
about 4.5 hours after administration, and a mean minimum
30 plasma concentration from about 3 to about 120 ng/ml from
a mean of about 10 to about 14 hours after repeated
administration every 12 hours through steady-state
conditions.

6. The controlled release composition of claim 5, wherein said controlled release matrix comprises an acrylic resin.

5 7. A solid controlled release oral dosage form, comprising

(a) an analgesically effective amount of spheroids comprising oxycodone or a salt thereof and either a spheronising agent or an acrylic polymer or 10 copolymer, such that the total dosage of oxycodone in said dosage form is from about 10 to about 160 mg;

15 (b) a film coating which controls the release of the oxycodone or oxycodone salt at a controlled rate in an aqueous medium, wherein said composition provides an in vitro dissolution rate of the dosage form;

20 said composition providing a mean maximum plasma concentration of oxycodone from about 6 to about 240 ng/ml from a mean of about 2 to about 4.5 hours after administration, and a mean minimum plasma concentration from about 3 to about 30 ng/ml from a mean of about 10 to about 14 hours after repeated administration every 12 hours through steady-state conditions.

25 8. The controlled release composition of claim 7, wherein said film coating comprises a water insoluble material selected from the group consisting of shellac or 30 zein, a water insoluble cellulose, or a polymethacrylate.

9. A controlled release tablet for oral administration comprising from about 10 to about 160 mg oxycodone or an oxycodone salt dispersed in a controlled release matrix, said tablet providing an in-vitro dissolution of the dosage form, when measured by the USP Paddle Method at 100 rpm at 900 ml aqueous buffer (pH 35 between 1.6 and 7.2) at 37° C, between 12.5% and 42.5%

(by wt) oxycodone released after 1 hour, between 25% and 55% (by wt) oxycodone released after 2 hours, between 45% and 75% (by wt) oxycodone released after 4 hours and between 55% and 85% (by wt) oxycodone released after 6 hours, the in vitro release rate being substantially independent of pH and chosen such that a mean maximum plasma concentration of oxycodone from about 6 to about 240 ng/ml is obtained in vivo from a mean of about 2 to about 4.5 hours after administration of the dosage form, and a mean minimum plasma concentration from about 3 to about 30 ng/ml from a mean of about 10 to about 14 hours after repeated administration every 12 hours through steady-state conditions.

15 10. A dosage form according to claim 9, wherein the in vitro dissolution rate is between 17.5% and 38% (by wt) oxycodone released after 1 hour, between 30% and 50% (by wt) oxycodone released after 2 hours, between 50% and 70% (by wt) oxycodone released after 4 hours and between 20 60% and 80% (by wt) oxycodone released after 6 hours.

11. A dosage form according to claim 9, wherein the in vitro dissolution rate is between 17.5% and 32.5% (by wt) oxycodone released after 1 hour, between 35% and 45% (by wt) oxycodone released after 2 hours, between 55% and 65% (by wt) oxycodone released after 4 hours and between 25 65% and 75% (by wt) oxycodone released after 6 hours.

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method for substantially reducing the range in daily dosages required to control pain in approximately 90% of patients is disclosed whereby an oral solid controlled release dosage formulation having from about 5 to about 40 mg of oxycodone or a salt thereof is administered to a patient. The formulation provides a mean maximum plasma concentration of oxycodone from about 10 to about 60 ng/ml from a mean of about 2 to about 4.5 hours after administration, and a mean minimum plasma concentration from about 3 to about 30 ng/ml from about 10 to about 14 hours after repeated "q12h" (i.e., every 12 hour) administration through steady-state conditions. Another embodiment is directed to a method for substantially reducing the range in daily dosages required to control pain in substantially all patients by administering an oral solid controlled release dosage formulation comprising up to about 160 mg of oxycodone or a salt thereof, such that a mean maximum plasma concentration of oxycodone up to about 240 ng/ml from a mean of 15 up to about 2 to about 4.5 hours after administration, and a mean minimum plasma concentration up to about 120 ng/ml from about 10 to about 14 hours after repeated 20 "q12h" (i.e., every 12 hour) administration through 25 steady-state conditions are achieved. Controlled release oxycodone formulations for achieving the above are also disclosed.



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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

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As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.
I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

CONTROLLED RELEASE OXYCODONE COMPOSITIONS

the specification of which (check one) is attached hereto.

was filed on _____ as Application Serial No. _____ and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information which is known to me to be material to the patentability of this application as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)

Priority claimed

(Number)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year filed)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
(Number)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year filed)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
(Number)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year filed)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application:

07/800,549 (Application Serial No.)	November 27, 1991 (Filing Date)	Pending (Status) (patented, pending, abandoned)
PCT/US92/10146 (Application Serial No.)	November 25, 1992 (Filing Date)	Pending (Status) (patented, pending, abandoned)

And I hereby appoint Harold D. Steinberg, Registration No. 17, 255, Martin G. Raskin, Registration No. 25,642, and Clifford M. Davidson, Registration No. 32,728 my attorneys, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith; correspondence address: STEINBERG & RASKIN, 1140 Avenue of the Americas, New York, N.Y. 10036; Telephone: 212-768-3800; Fax: 212-382-2124.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 101 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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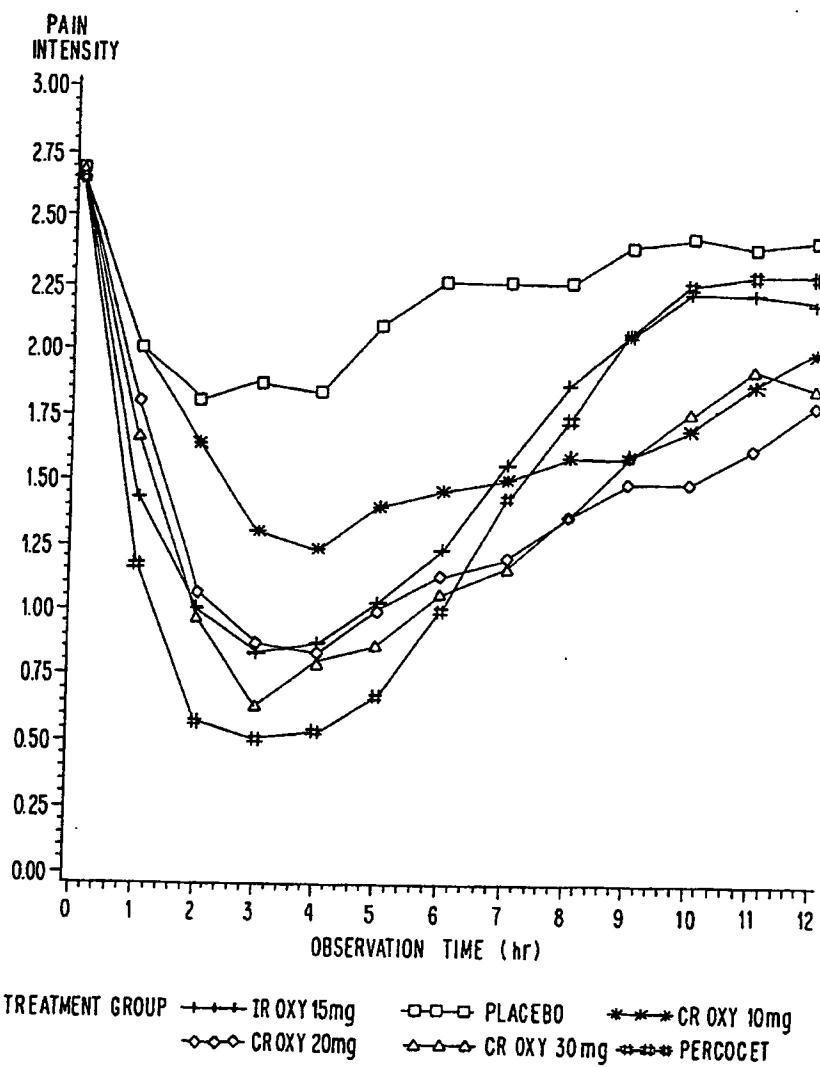


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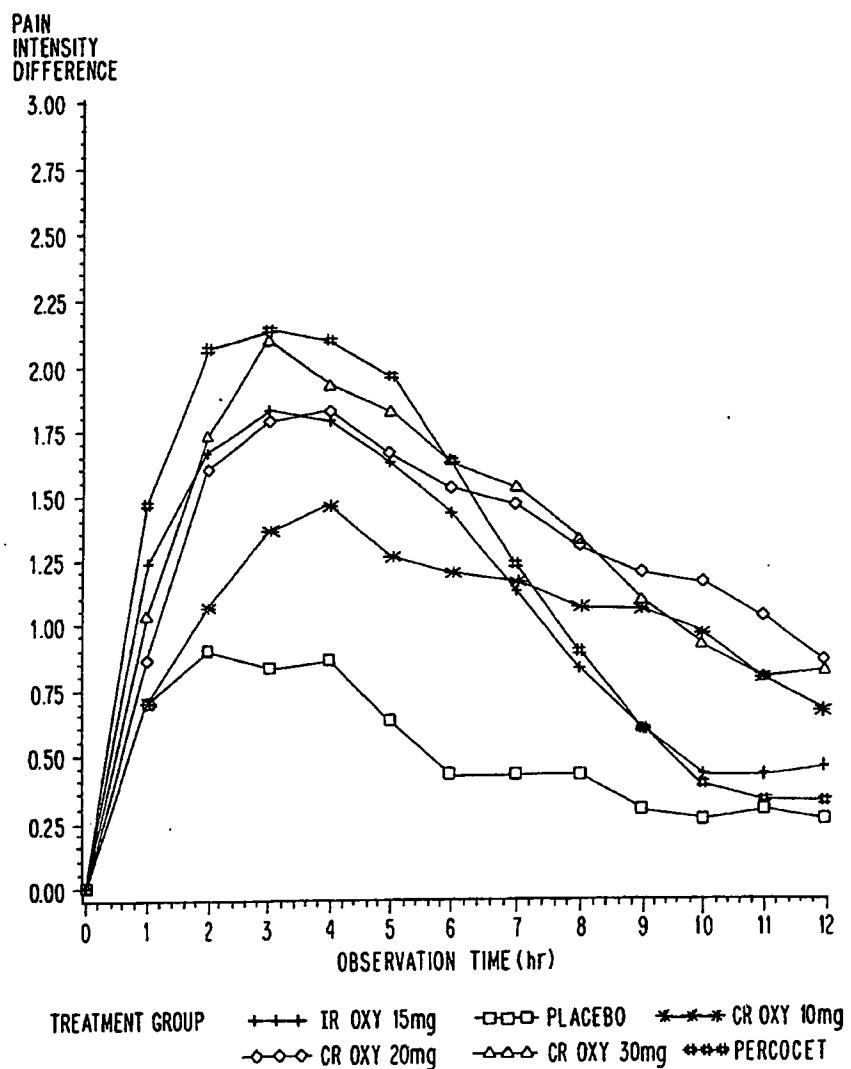


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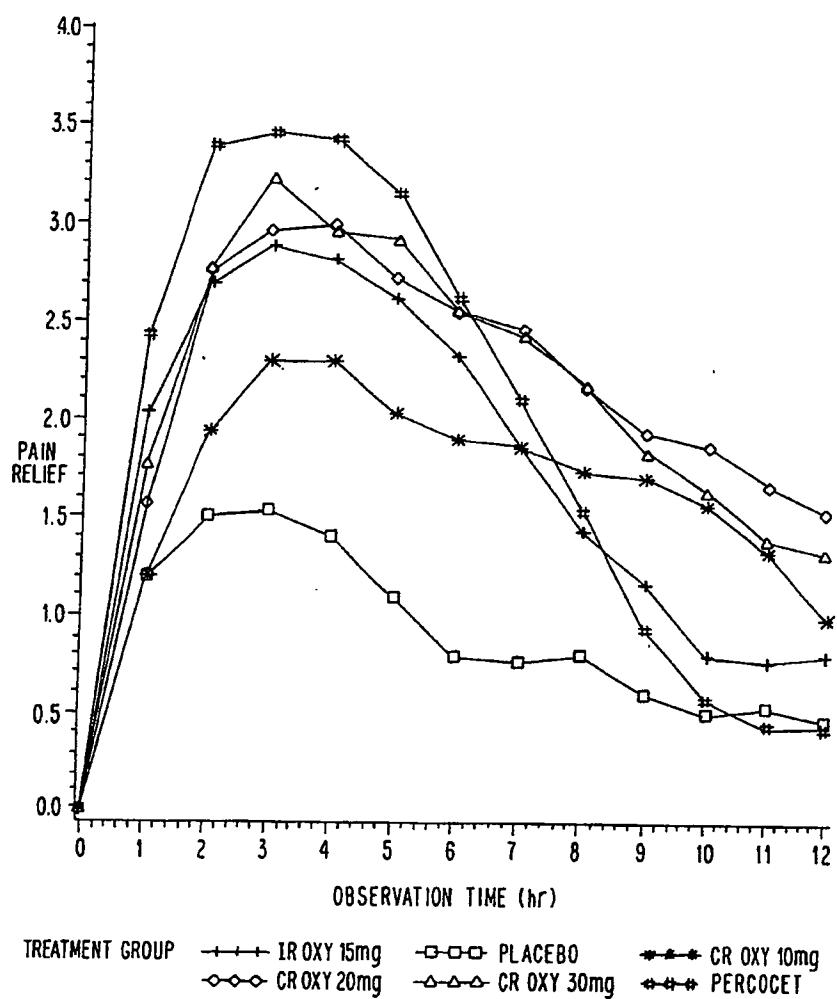


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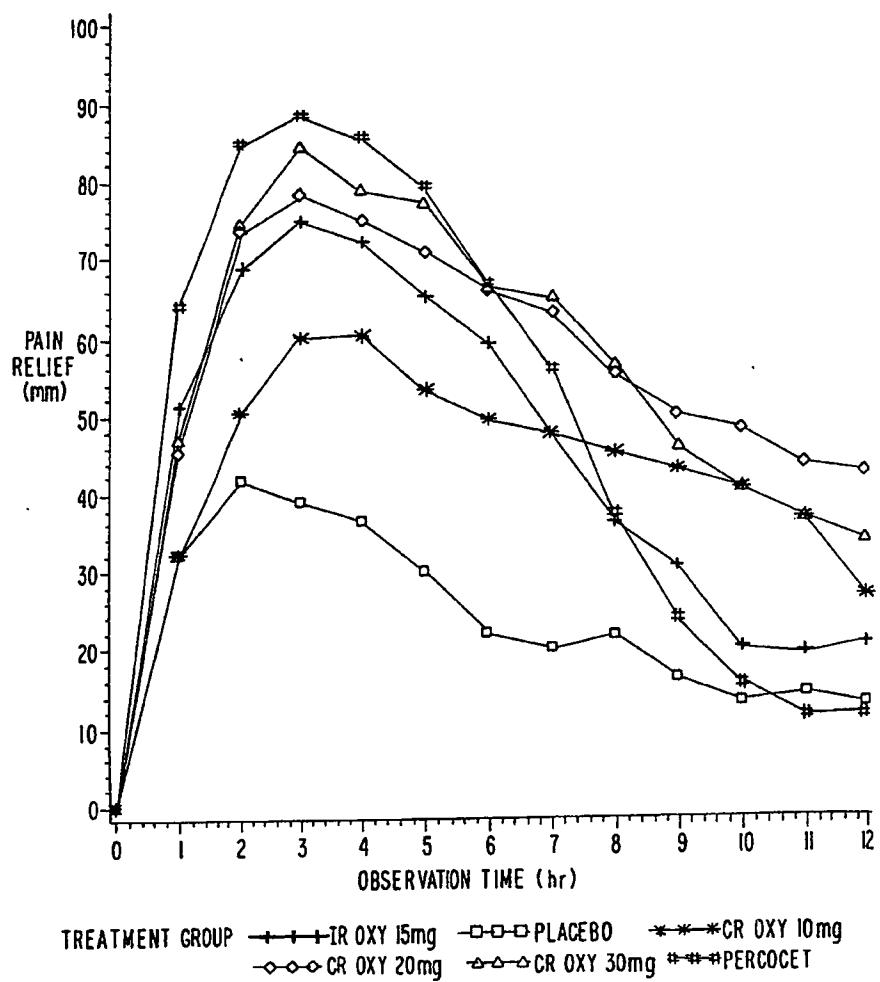
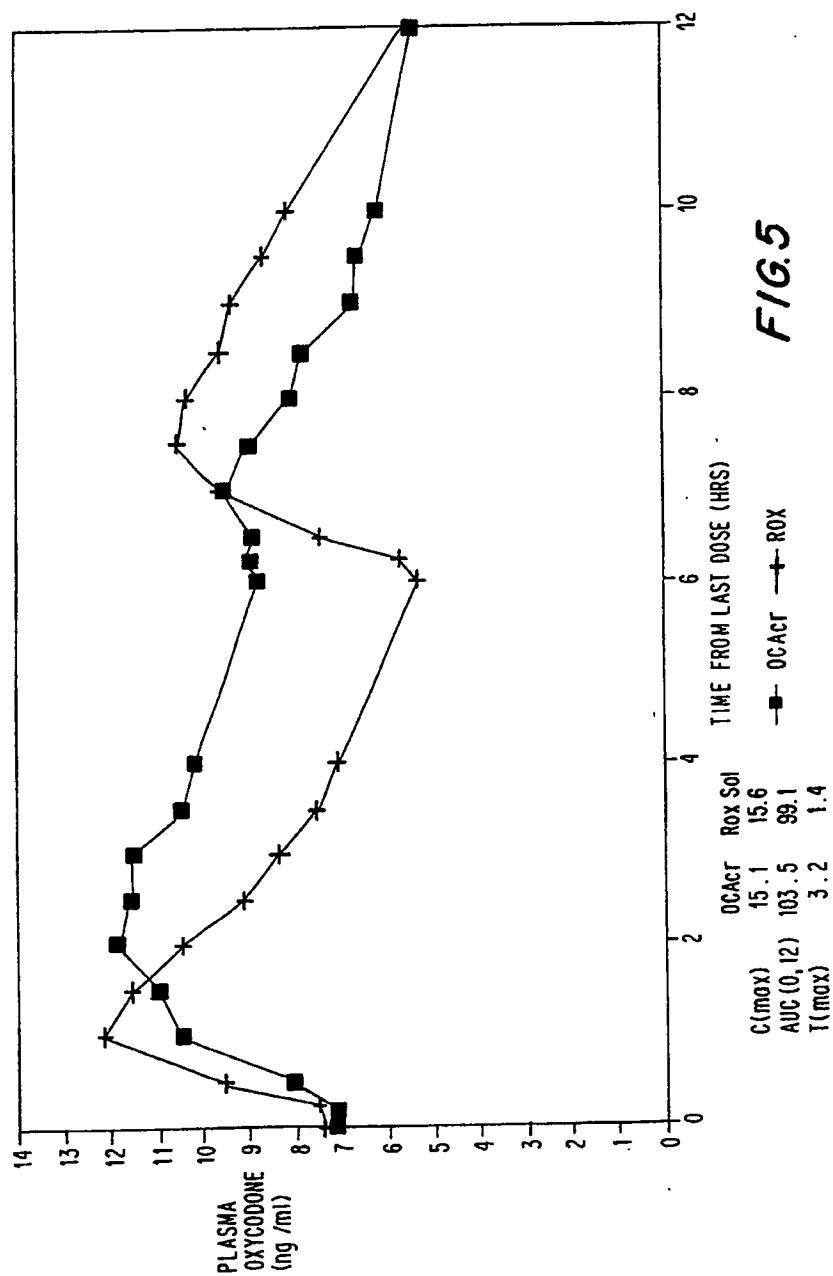


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DIVISIONAL-CONTINUATION PROGRAM APPLICATION

TRANSMITTAL FORM

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Docket No. 20093311.DIV

Anticipated Classification of this
application:

Class 514
Subclass 282

Prior application: 08/081,302

Examiner E. Webman
Art Unit 1502

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D. Bassaway
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The Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

June 6, 1995

Sir:

This is a request for filing a divisional application under 35
C.F.R. §1.60 of pending prior application Serial No. 08/081,302,
filed on June 18, 1993.

For: CONTROLLED RELEASE OXYCODONE COMPOSITIONS

1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application including the oath or declaration as originally filed and an affidavit or declaration verifying it as a true copy. (See 8 and 8a for drawing requirements.)
2. Prepare a copy of the prior application.

"Express Mail" mailing label no. TB 639 428 042 US
 Date of deposit: June 6, 1995
 I hereby certify that the correspondence and/or fee is being
 deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail"
 Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the
 date indicated above in an envelope addressed to "Commissioner
 of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, DC 20231"
 STEINBERG, RASKIN & DAVIDSON, P.C.

BY:

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3. The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION LESS
ANY CLAIMS CANCELLED BY AMENDMENT BELOW

For	Number filed	Number extra	Rate	Basic fee
				\$730.00
Total claims	2 - 20 =	0	x 22	0.00
Independent claims	2 - 3 =	0	x 76	0.00
Total filing fee				\$730.00

4. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 19-4210. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

5. A check in the amount of \$730.00 is enclosed. / /

6. Cancel in this application original claims 3-11 of the prior application (without prejudice) before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)

7. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: This is a divisional of application Serial No. 08/081,302, filed June 18, 1993, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 07/800,549, filed November 27, 1991, now U.S. Patent No. 5,266,331.

8. Transfer the drawings from the prior application to this application and abandon said prior application as of the filing date accorded to this application. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed for filing in the prior application file. (May only be used if signed by person authorized by Rule 138 and before payment of base issue fee.)

8a. New formal drawings are enclosed.

8b. Priority of application in Serial No. filed on under 35 U.S.C. §119.

The certified copy has been filed in prior application, Serial No. , filed .

9. The prior application is assigned of record to Euroceltique, S.A.

10. The power of attorney in this prior application is to Harold D. Steinberg, Reg. No. 17,255, Martin G. Raskin, Reg. No. 25,642, and Clifford M. Davidson, Reg. No. 32,728, 1140 Avenue of the Americas, New York, N.Y. 10036.

- The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.
- Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
- Address all future communications to Steinberg, Raskin & Davidson, P.C. 1140 Avenue of the Americas, New York, N.Y. 10036, Tel. (212) 768-3800.

11. A preliminary amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application).

12. I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of prior application Serial No. 08/081,302, as originally filed on June 18, 1993.

The undersigned declare further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that those statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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EXAMINER

ART UNIT	PAPER NUMBER
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DATE MAILED:

This is a communication from the examiner in charge of your application.
COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS

This application has been examined Responsive to communication filed on _____ This action is made final.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 3 month(s), — days from the date of this letter.
Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. 35 U.S.C. 133

Part I THE FOLLOWING ATTACHMENT(S) ARE PART OF THIS ACTION:

1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited by Examiner, PTO-892.	2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsman's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.
3. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Art Cited by Applicant, PTO-1449.	4. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152.
5. <input type="checkbox"/> Information on How to Effect Drawing Changes, PTO-1474.	6. <input type="checkbox"/> _____

Part II SUMMARY OF ACTION

1. Claims 1, 2 are pending in the application.

Of the above, claims _____ are withdrawn from consideration.

2. Claims _____ have been cancelled.

3. Claims _____ are allowed.

4. Claims 1, 2 are rejected.

5. Claims _____ are objected to.

6. Claims _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

7. This application has been filed with informal drawings under 37 C.F.R. 1.85 which are acceptable for examination purposes.

8. Formal drawings are required in response to this Office action.

9. The corrected or substitute drawings have been received on _____. Under 37 C.F.R. 1.84 these drawings are acceptable; not acceptable (see explanation or Notice of Draftsman's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948).

10. The proposed additional or substitute sheet(s) of drawings, filed on _____, has (have) been approved by the examiner; disapproved by the examiner (see explanation).

11. The proposed drawing correction, filed _____, has been approved; disapproved (see explanation).

12. Acknowledgement is made of the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119. The certified copy has been received not been received been filed in parent application, serial no. _____; filed on _____.

13. Since this application appears to be in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

14. Other

EXAMINER'S ACTION

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Serial Number: 08/467,584

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Art Unit: 1502

Claims 1, 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as the disclosure is enabling only for claims limited to that which is disclosed as critical. See M.P.E.P. §§ 706.03(n) and 706.03(z).

On page 11, lines 24-28 a ratio of hydroxyalkyl cellulose to aliphatic alcohol or polyalkylene glycol of 1:2-1:4 is disclosed as determinative of the release rate of oxycodone. No other ratio is specified. However, claims 1, 2 specify no ratio at all. Thus, the specification is insufficient to support the breadth of the claims.

Claims 1, 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

No where in claims 1, 2 is the vehicle disclosed which delivers the active agent at the claimed rate. No ingredients are specified.

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The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

The specification is objected to under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to provide an adequate written description of the invention.

On page 10, line 31 - page 11, line 13 suggested ingredients are recited.

However, it is unclear precisely which are present in the vehicle, since all are optional.

Claims 1, 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for the reasons set forth in the objection to the specification.

No claims are allowed.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Edward J. Webman, whose telephone number is (703) 308-4432. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, T.K. Page, can be reached on (703) 308-2927. The fax phone number for this Group is (703) 305-5408.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-2351.

Edward J. Webman:cb
Primary Examiner

Wednesday, November 1, 1995

EDWARD J. WEBMAN
PRIMARY EXAMINER
GROUP 1500

NOTICE OF DRAFTSPERSON'S PATENT DRAWING REVIEW

PTO Draftpersons review all originally filed drawings regardless of whether they are designated as formal or informal. Additionally, patent Examiners will review the drawings for compliance with the regulations. Direct telephone inquiries concerning this review to the Drawing Review Branch, 703-305-8404.

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The drawings filed (insert date) 1/17/85 are viewed and enlarged view not tabled separately or properly.
 A. not objected to by the Draftsperson under 37 CFR 1.84 or 1.152.
 B. objected to by the Draftsperson under 37 CFR 1.84 or 1.152 as indicated below. The Examiner will require substitution of new, corrected drawings when necessary. Corrected drawings must be submitted according to the instructions on the back of this Notice.

1. DRAWINGS. 37 CFR 1.84(a): Acceptable categories of drawings:
 Black ink. Color.
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 Color drawings are not acceptable until petition is granted. Fig(s) _____

2. PHOTOGRAPHS. 37 CFR 1.84(b):
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 Photographs not properly mounted (must use bristol board or photographic double-weight paper). Fig(s) _____
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3. GRAPHIC FORMS. 37 CFR 1.84 (d):
 Chemical or mathematical formula not labeled as separate figure. Fig(s) _____
 Graphs of waveforms not presented in a single figures using common vertical axis with time extending along horizontal axis. Fig(s) _____
 Graphs of waveforms not labeled with a separate label and designation apart from the vertical axis. Fig(s) _____

4. TYPE OF PAPER. 37 CFR 1.84(c):
 Paper of medium white smooth finish and durable Sheet(s) _____
 Ensures smoothness over writing, inscriptions, cracks, creases, and folds with machine markings not exceeded. Fig(s) _____
 Material of paper not brittle or too thin. Fig(s) _____
 Size of paper not less than DIN size A4. Acceptable sizes: 21.0 cm. by 29.7 cm. (8 1/2 by 11 inches); 21.0 cm. by 35.1 cm. (8 1/2 by 13 inches); 21.0 cm. by 42.0 cm. (8 1/2 by 16 inches); 21.0 cm. by 55.9 cm. (DIN size A3); 21.0 cm. by 91.4 cm. (DIN size A2). Fig(s) _____
 All drawing sheets not the same size. Sheet(s) _____

5. MARGINS. 37 CFR 1.84(e): Acceptable margins:
 Top margin 1.27 cm. (1/2 inch); bottom 1.27 cm. (1/2 inch); left 1.27 cm. (1/2 inch); right 1.27 cm. (1/2 inch). Fig(s) _____

6. VIEWS. 37 CFR 1.84(f):
 REMINDER: Specification may require revision to correspond to drawing changes.
 All views not grouped together. Fig(s) _____
 Views connected by projection lines or lead lines. Fig(s) _____
 Partial views. 37 CFR 1.84(g). Fig(s) _____

7. VIEWS AND SECTIONALS. 37 CFR 1.84(h):
 Sectional views. 37 CFR 1.84 (h) 3
 Matching not indicated for sectional portions of an object. Fig(s) _____
 Cross section not drawn same as view with parts in cross section with regularly spaced parallel oblique strokes. Fig(s) _____

8. ARRANGEMENT OF VIEWS. 37 CFR 1.84(i):
 Words do not appear on a horizontal, left-to-right fashion when page is either upright or turned so that the top becomes the right side, except for graphs. Fig(s) _____

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 Scale not large enough to show mechanism with crowding when drawing is reduced in size to two-thirds in reproduction. Fig(s) _____
 Indication such as "actual size" or scale 1/2" not permitted. Fig(s) _____

10. CHARACTER OF LINES, NUMBERS & LETTERS. 37 CFR 1.84(l):
 Lines, numbers and letters uniform in thickness and density. Fig(s) _____
 SHADING. 37 CFR 1.84(m):
 Solid black shading not permitted. Fig(s) _____
 Shade lines pale, light and uniform. Fig(s) _____

11. NUMBERS, LETTERS & REFERENCE CHARACTERS. 37 CFR 1.84(n):
 Numbers and reference characters not plain and legible. 37 CFR 1.84(n)(1) Fig(s) _____
 Numbers and reference characters not oriented in same direction as the views. 37 CFR 1.84(n)(2) Fig(s) _____
 English alphabet not used. 37 CFR 1.84(n)(3) Fig(s) _____
 Numbers, letters and reference characters do not measure at least 32 cm. (1 1/8 inch) in height. 37 CFR 1.84(n)(3) Fig(s) _____

12. LEAD LINES. 37 CFR 1.84(o):
 Lead lines cross each other. Fig(s) _____
 Lead lines not crossing. Fig(s) _____

13. NUMBERING OF SHEETS OF DRAWINGS. 37 CFR 1.84(p):
 Sheets not numbered consecutively, starting with number 1. Sheet(s) _____

14. NUMBER OF VIEWS. 37 CFR 1.84(q):
 Views not numbered consecutively, and in order of number beginning with number 1. Fig(s) _____
 View numbers not preceded by the abbreviation "FIG.". Fig(s) _____

15. CORRECTIONS. 37 CFR 1.84(r):
 Corrections not made from prior PTO-948. Fig(s) _____

16. DESIGN DRAWING. 37 CFR 1.152:
 Surface shading shown not appropriate. Fig(s) _____
 Solid black shading not used for color contrast. Fig(s) _____

COMMENTS:



GP 1502
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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re: Application of: Benjamin OSHLACK et al.
 Serial No.: 08/467,584
 Filed: June 6, 1995
 For: **CONTROLLED RELEASE OXYCODONE
COMPOSITIONS**

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Hon. Commissioner of
 Patents and Trademarks
 Washington, D.C. 20231

October 13, 1995

Sir:

Applicants hereby submit PTO Form 1449 which lists references cited during the prosecution of the priority applications U.S. Serial No. 07/800,549 filed November 27, 1991 and 08/081,302 filed June 18, 1993. Copies of the references cited were submitted during the prosecution of the parent applications.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the issuance of the first Office Action, therefore, it is respectfully submitted that no fee is due.

It is respectfully requested that these references be considered and made of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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EXAMINER INTERVIEW SUMMARY RECORD

12/26/95

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Mr. C. M. Davidson (3) _____

(2) E. Webman (4) _____

Date of Interview 12/18/95

Type: Telephonic Personal (copy is given to applicant applicant's representative).

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: Yes No. If yes, brief description: _____

Agreement was reached with respect to some or all of the claims in question. was not reached.

Claims discussed: 1, 2

Identification of prior art discussed N/A N/A

Description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: to bring the case into condition for allowance, it ws agreed to delete 'substantially' in claims 1, 2.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments, if available, which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments which would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

Unless the paragraphs below have been checked to indicate to the contrary, A FORMAL WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION IS NOT WAIVED AND MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW (e.g., items 1-7 on the reverse side of this form). If a response to the last Office action has already been filed, then applicant is given one month from this interview date to provide a statement of the substance of the interview.

It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview.

Since the examiner's interview summary above (including any attachments) reflects a complete response to each of the objections, rejections and requirements that may be present in the last Office action, and since the claims are now allowable, this completed form is considered to fulfill the response requirements of the last Office action.

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NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY

PART I.

1. This communication is responsive to REBER PHONE CALL OF 12/18/95.
 2. All the claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice Of Allowance And Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be sent in due course.
 3. The allowed claims are 1, 2.
 4. The drawings filed on _____ are acceptable.
 5. Acknowledgment is made of the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119. The certified copy has [...] been received. [...] not been received. [...] been filed in parent application Serial No. _____ filed on _____.
 6. Note the attached Examiner's Amendment.
 7. Note the attached Examiner Interview Summary Record, PTOL-413.
 8. Note the attached Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance.
 9. Note the attached NOTICE OF REFERENCES CITED, PTO-892.
 10. Note the attached INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION, PTO-1449.

PART II.

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE to comply with the requirements noted below is set to EXPIRE THREE MONTHS FROM THE "DATE MAILED" indicated on this form. Failure to timely comply will result in the ABANDONMENT of this application. Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

1. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.
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 b. The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ has been approved by the examiner. CORRECTION IS REQUIRED.
 c. Approved drawing corrections are described by the examiner in the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT. CORRECTION IS REQUIRED.
 d. Formal drawings are now REQUIRED.

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- Examiner's Amendment
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- Reasons for Allowance
- Notice of References Cited, PTO-892
- Information Disclosure Citation, PTO-1449

- Notice of Informal Application, PTO-152
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The following is an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance: None of the references of record singly anticipate or in combination motivate one with ordinary skill in the art to formulate the particular method for reducing the dosage of oxycodone as set forth in the claims.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the Issue Fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Authorization for this Examiner's Amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. C. M. Davidson on 12/18/95.

An Examiner's Amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee.

In claim 1 line 1 and claim 2 line 1 delete 'substantially'.

Edward J. Webman

December 24, 1995

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TITLE OF
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Re: Application of: Benjamin OSHLACK et al.
Serial No.: 08/467,584
Filed: June 6, 1995
For: **CONTROLLED RELEASE OXYCODONE
COMPOSITIONS**

SUBMISSION OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

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January 17, 1996

Sir:

Applicants submit herewith formal drawings in connection with the above-identified
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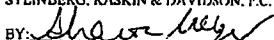
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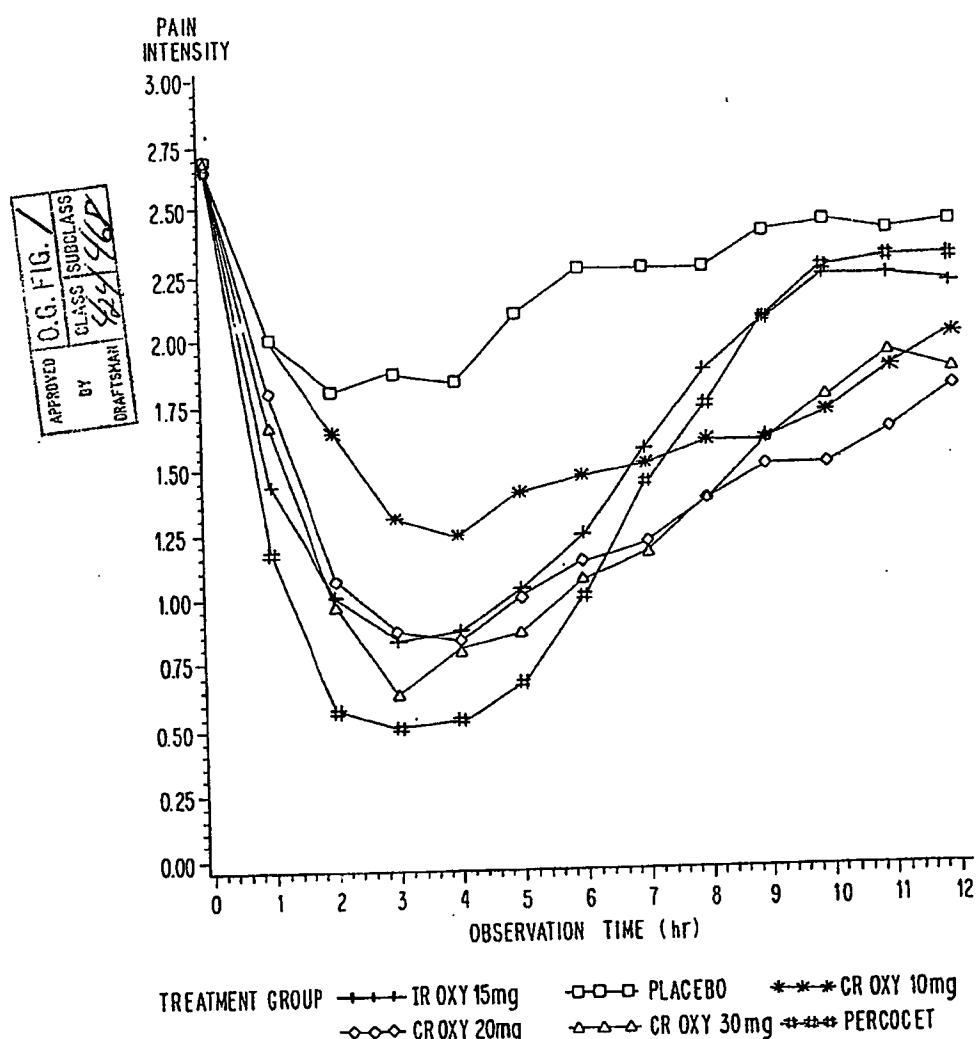


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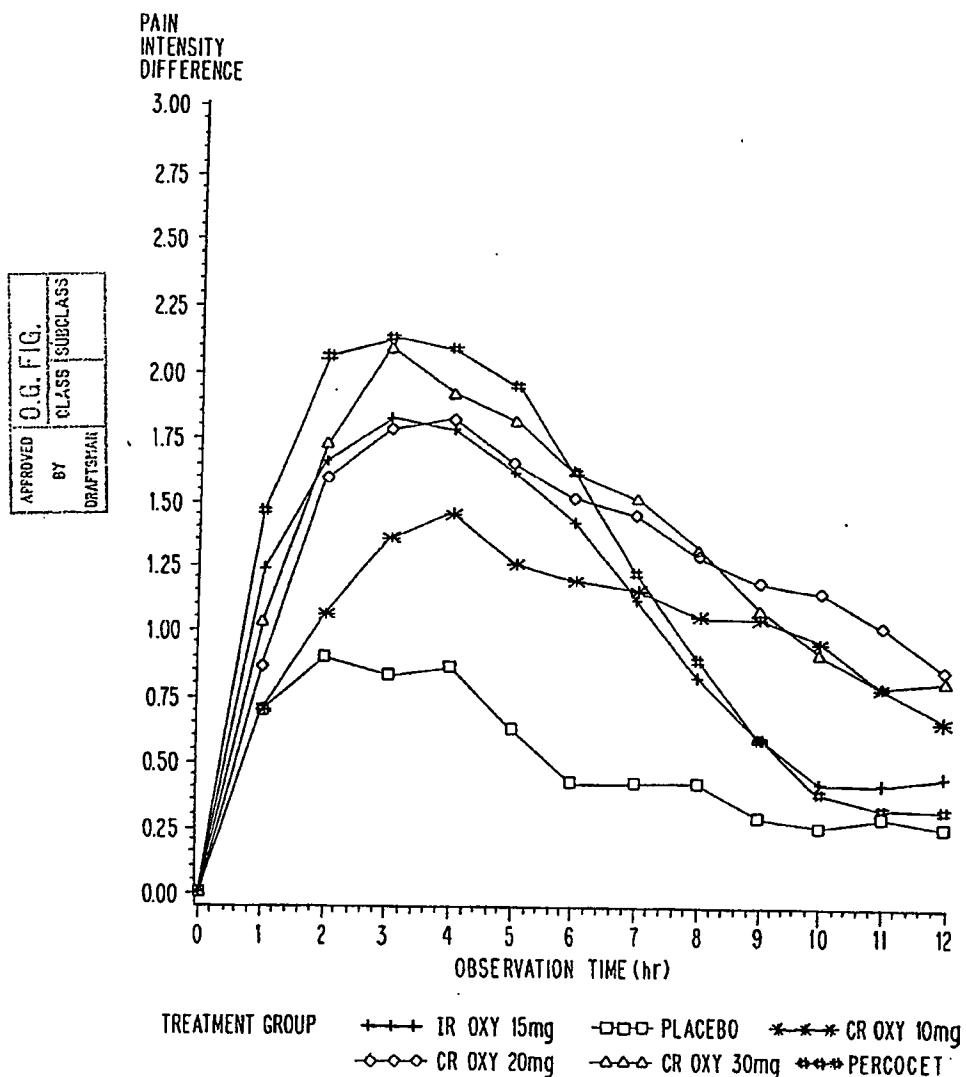


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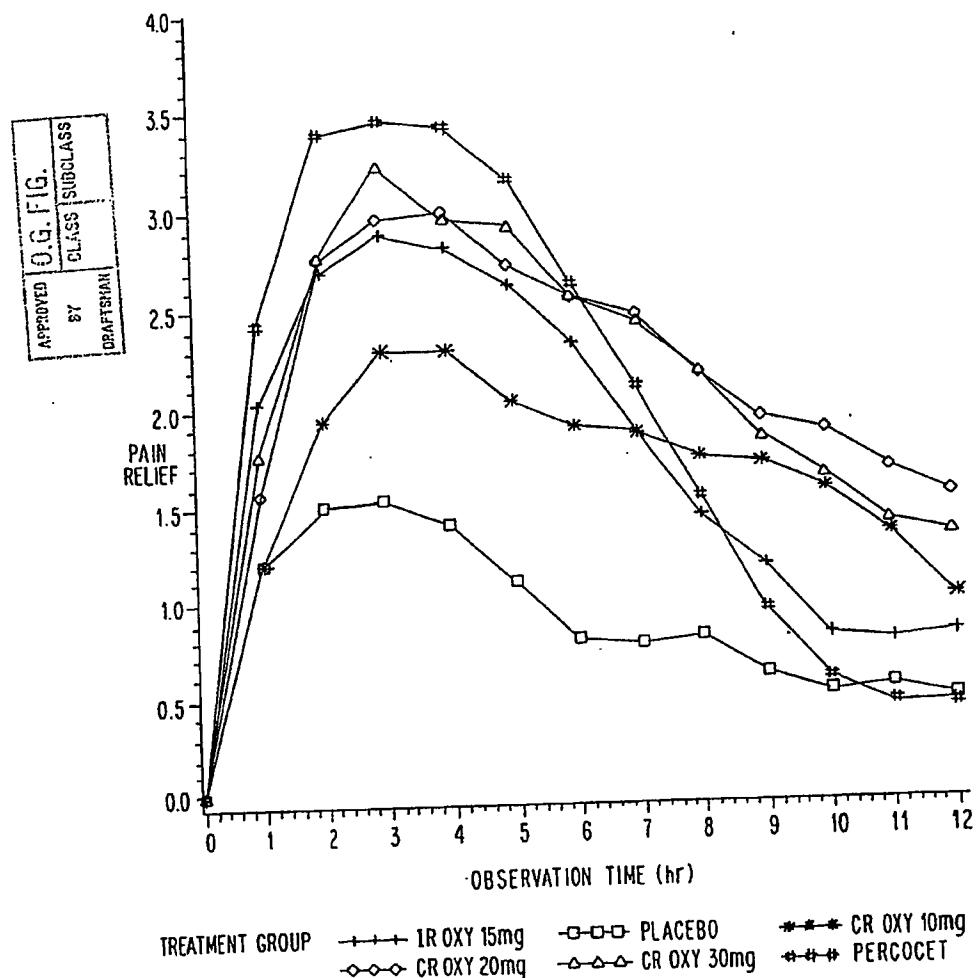


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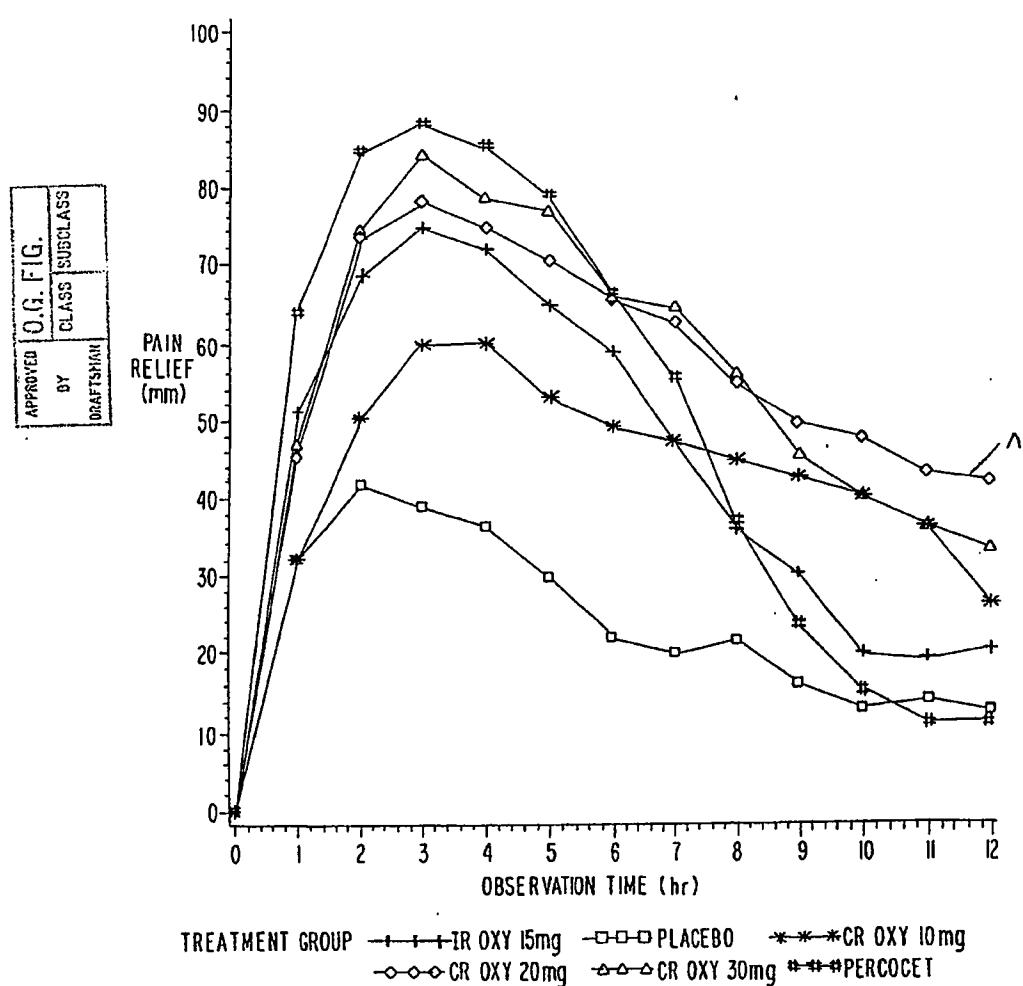


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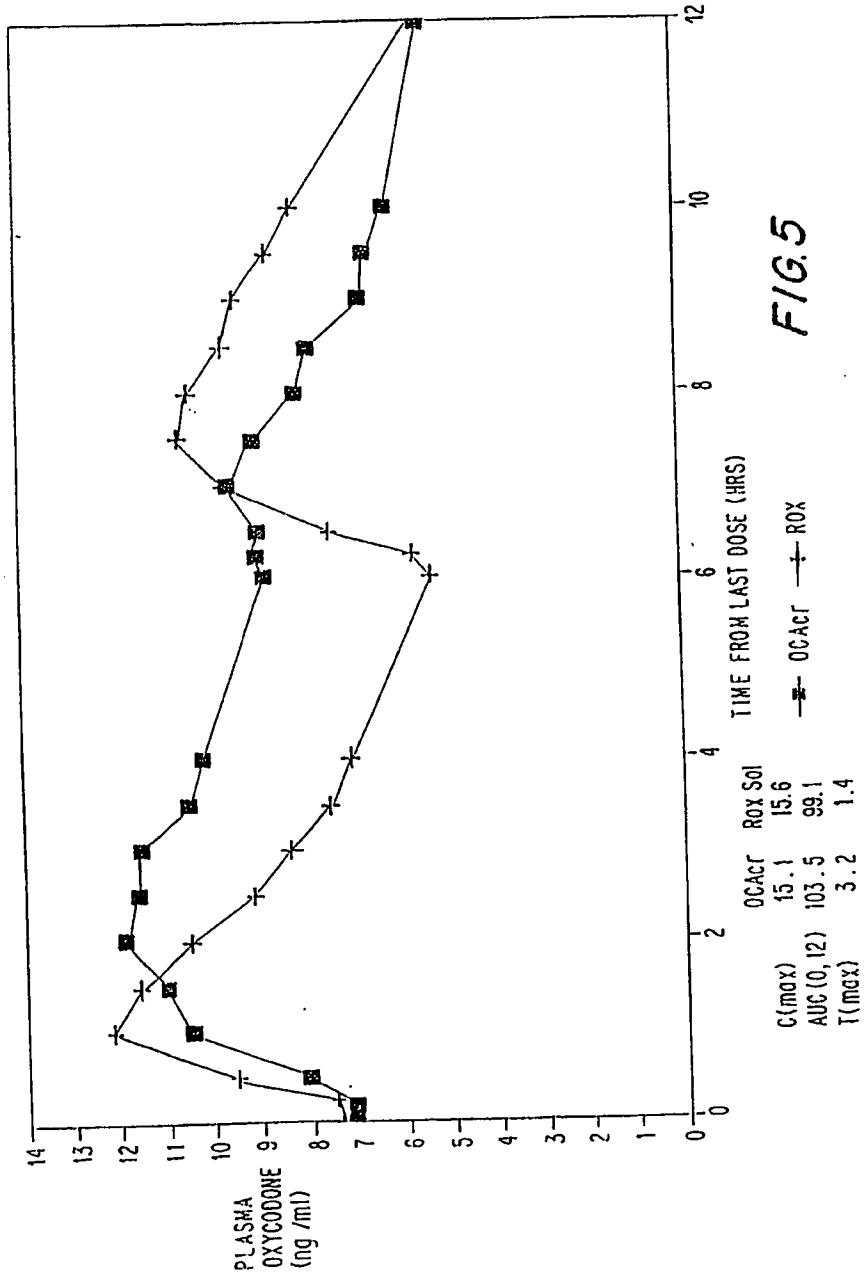
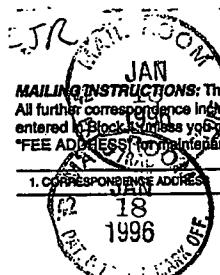


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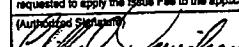
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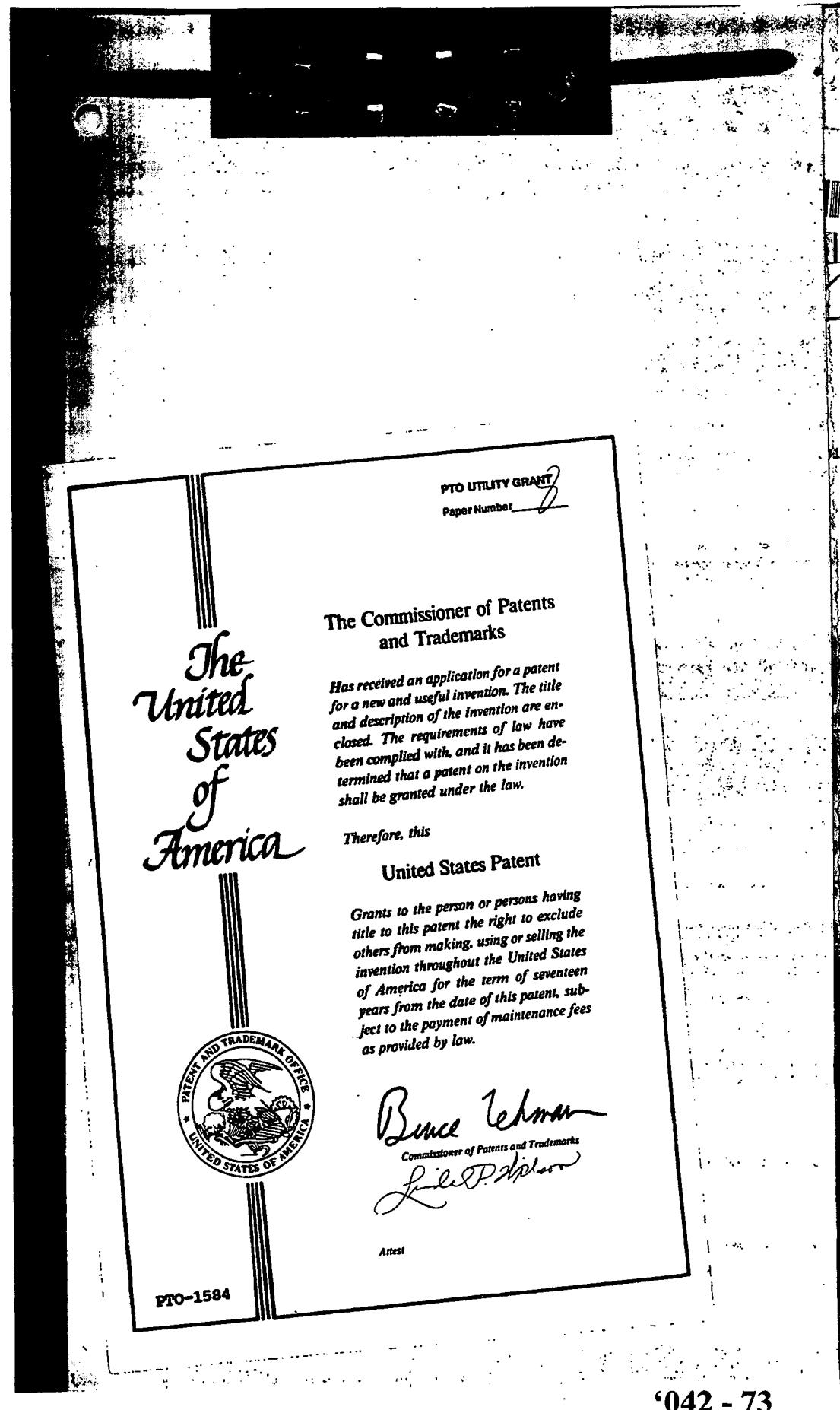
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